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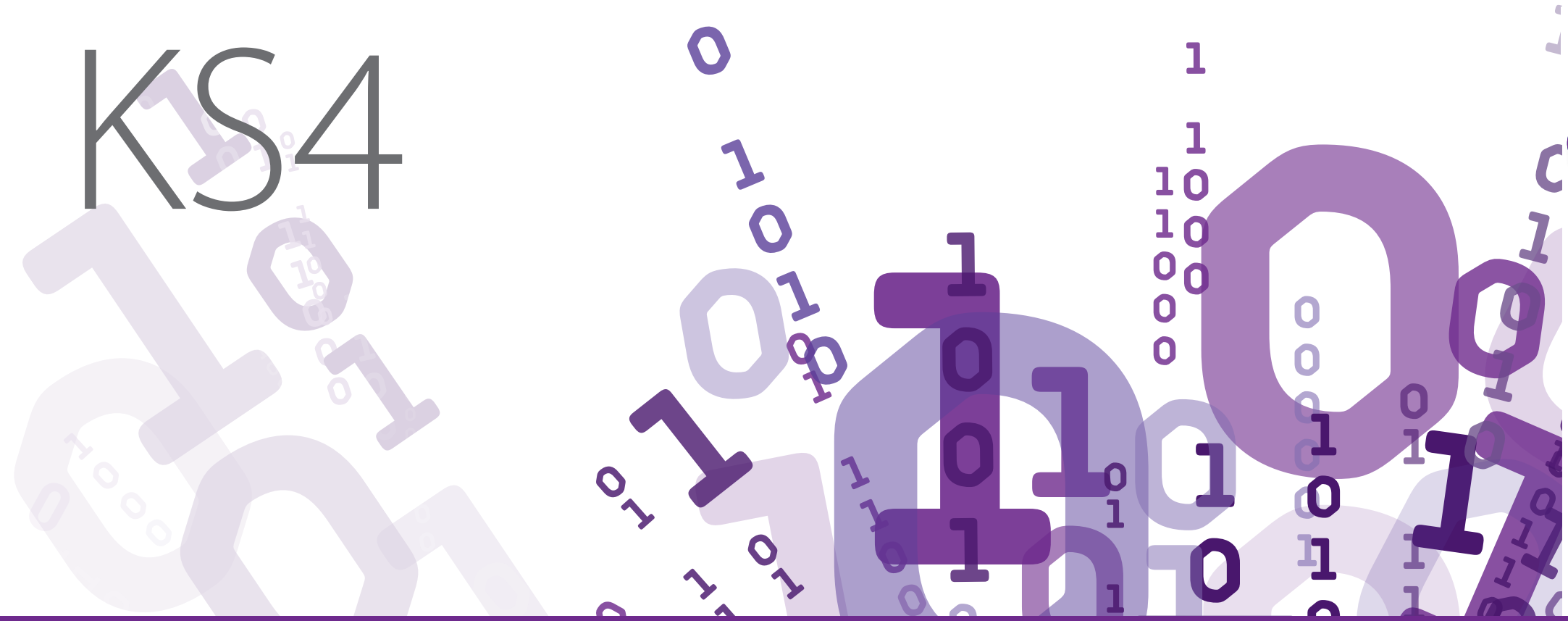
Curriculum pathways for **GCSE ICT** in KS4



Curriculum pathways for ICT

One of the major benefits of our portfolio of ICT qualifications is that it offers you and your learners a wide variety of possible pathways, with choices to meet learners' interests, aptitudes and needs. Our qualifications offer flexible assessment models and progression routes that allow your learners to remain engaged and challenged, providing an ideal preparation for employment or further education.

This booklet outlines some of the possible pathways you could follow in your school. Each suggested pathway gives some guidance on why each route might suit your learners.

It is important to note that these models are only guidelines and not a comprehensive list of our ICT qualifications. To view our full range of ICT qualifications, please visit our website at **www.ocr.org.uk/ict**

If you would like to discuss these options in more detail, please contact a member of our specialist ICT subject team on **0300 500 4848**.

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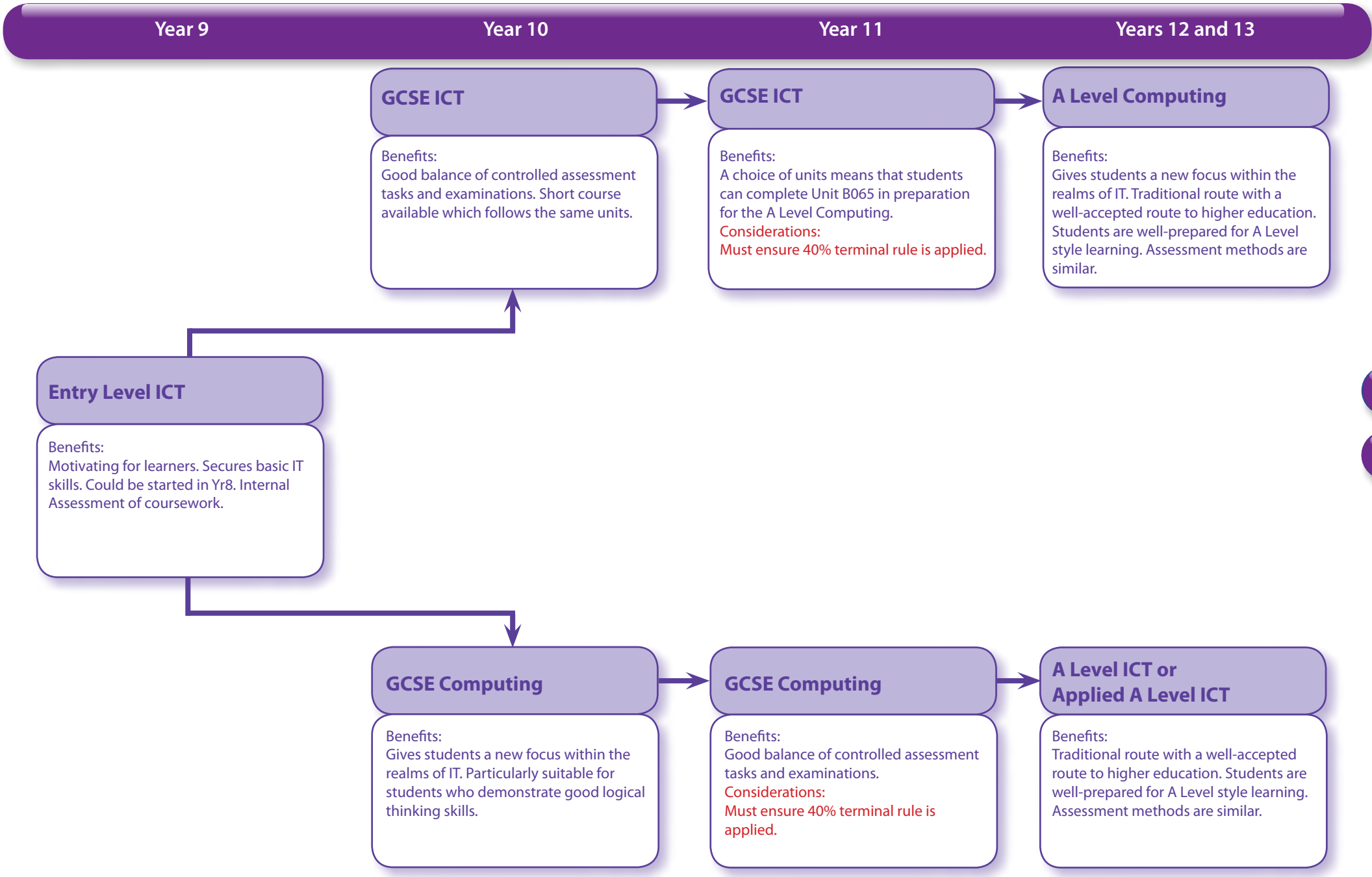

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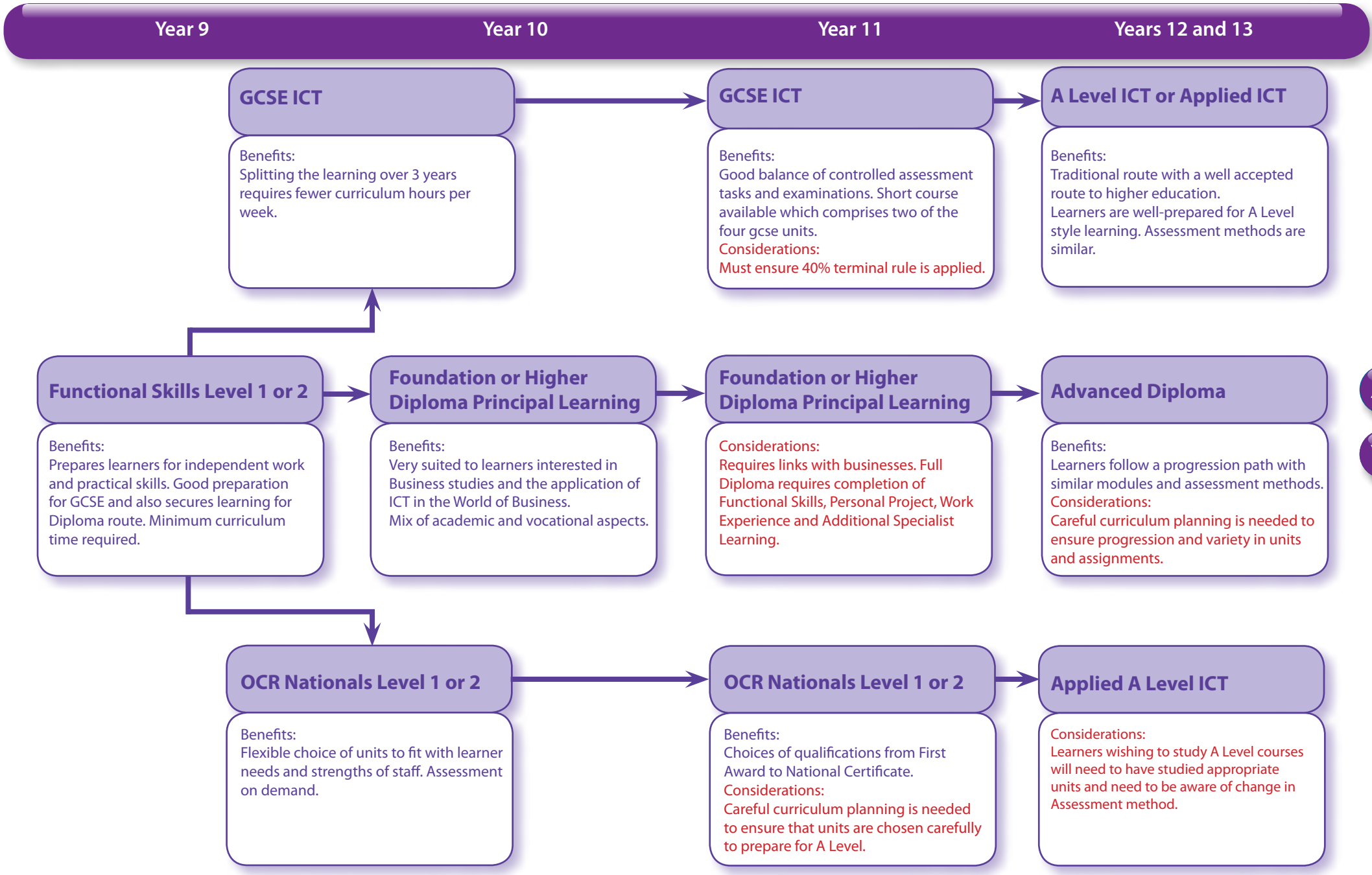

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Years 12 and 13
OCR Nationals Level 1 or 2 Benefits: Practical ICT skills and very engaging for learners.	**OCR Nationals Level 1 or 2** Benefits: Flexible choice of units to fit with learner needs and strengths of staff. Assessment on demand.	**OCR Nationals Level 1 or 2** Benefits: Learning split over 3 years requires less curriculum time. Choice of qualifications from First Award to National Certificate.	**OCR Nationals Level 2 or 3** Benefits: Learners are well-prepared after completing Level 2. Assessment method remains the same. Assessment on demand. Choice of qualifications depending on number of units achieved. Good preparation for further practical courses
Entry Level ICT Benefits: Motivating for learners struggling with traditional qualifications. Secures basic IT skills. Internal assessment of coursework.	**Creative iMedia Level 1 or 2** Benefits: Practical IT skills acquired. Engaging course which motivates learners.	**Creative iMedia Level 1 or 2** Considerations: Not suitable preparation for A Level courses as assessment methods and content differs considerably.	**Creative iMedia Level 2 or 3** Benefits: Assessment method remains the same. No examinations learners can obtain Award, Certificate or Diploma depending on Units completed.
Digital Literacy (Entry Level) Benefits: On demand Microsoft online confirmation tests available.	**ITQ Level 1 or 2** Benefits: Very flexible. Can combine units from both levels.	**ITQ Level 1 or 2** Benefits: Not suitable preparation for A Level courses as assessment methods and content differs considerably.	**ITQ Level 2 or 3** Benefits: Learners can build a portfolio over 3 years. Carries performance points. Different sizes of qualification available at all levels

OCR's ICT qualifications to suit all learning needs

This table shows the range of our ICT qualifications from Entry Level through to Level 3.

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Each year, we organise more than 1,500 courses of half or one day's duration at accessible locations around the UK, employing trainers who are experts in their field. We can also arrange for our courses to be delivered in-house and tailored as necessary to meet your needs.

Details of our annual programme are mailed to your centre in June and December each year and are also available on the OCR website. To supplement this, your centre will receive a number of other training updates as our training programme develops.

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